GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Indians Kidnapped Abroad
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether incidents of Indians being taken as hostage by various organizations in foreign countries have come to light;

(b) if so, the country-wise details of the last two years in this regard;

(c) the efforts made by the Government to facilitate the release of Indian hostages;

(d) the number of Indians taken as hostage and then got rescued as result of the efforts made by the Government; and

(e) the names of the countries from where the said hostage were rescued?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (e) As per the information available with the Ministry, 27 Indian nationals were kidnapped during 2015, 2016 and 2017 (till date) in foreign countries and 25 of them have been released and 1 died. One Indian national continues to be in captivity in Yemen since 2016. A list showing country-wise details is attached at Annexure.

The safety and security of Indian nationals in foreign countries is a matter of foremost concern for the Government of India. The Government keeps a close watch on the situation in strife-torn countries, issues advisories wherever required and engages the local authorities regularly to prevent incidents of kidnapping, while simultaneously making every effort to secure the release of those in captivity.